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SUBJECT: EC BEGINS ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION OF BRAZILIAN
IMPORTS OF HARD VENEERS

1. THE EC COMMISSION ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 3, 1976, AN ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION REGARDING IMPORTS FROM BRAZIL OF HARD VENEERS USED AS A CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL. THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FIBERBOARD MANUFACTURERS COMPLAINED IN DECEMBER THAT BRAZILIAN EXPORT PRICES WERE ABOUT 40 PERCENT LOWER THAN PRICES ON THE BRAZILIAN DOMESTIC MARKET. BRAZILIAN IMPORTS OF THIS PRODUCT HAVE RISEN FROM 16,000 MT IN 1973 TO 23,000 MT IN 1975, ACCORDING TO COMMISSION SOURCES.

2. COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY THAT THEY ARE TAKING A RATHER RELAXED ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS INVESTIGATION. THEY ARE ADHERING, HOWEVER, TO THE NORMAL PROCEDURE OF SEEKING WITHIN 30 DAYS A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF PARTIES CONCERNED. HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED IN APRIL. (COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY THEY WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO FIND THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING LARGE EXPORT SUBSIDIES FOR THIS PRODUCT, PERHAPS

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AS HIGH AS 35 PERCENT OF THE PRODUCT PRICE.) NEVERTHELESS,

THEY HOPE FOR AN AMICALBE SOLUTION WHICH WOULD AVOID ANTI-DUMPING (OR COUNTERVAILING) DUTIES. FOR EXAMPLE, BRAZILIAN EXPORTERS ARE NOW MEETING WITH EC FIBERBOARD MANUFACTURERS IN AN EFFORT TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY-SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT.

3. THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAS EVINCED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THIS CASE. ITS AMBASSADOR TO THE EC HAD INDICATED HIS OBJECTIONS TO THIS INVESTIGATION.HINTON

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